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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty. Docket: 3089-0002

Applicant: Anita Misson

Title: SAFETY BUMPER FOR USE WITH A }

CHILD'S BED

Serial No.: 10/670,080

Filed:

24 September 2003

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.181

The above-identified application has become abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a Notice of Action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date for the period set forth in the Reply plus an extensions of time actually obtained.

The Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment, and to reinstate and revise the instant application. Enclosed herewith are the following:

- 1. Exhibit A a copy of materials sent to the U.S. Patent Office on 23

 September 2004, which comprise the proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 20 September 2004;
- 2. Exhibit B a photocopy of a Return Postcard received from the U.S.

 Patent Office, that contains the stamp of the Patent Office showing that

the materials of Exhibit A were received by the Patent Office on 24 September 2004; and

- 3. Exhibit C a Notice of Abandonment mailed from the Patent Office on 3 January 2005.
- 4. Exhibit D a copy of the Express Mail mailing receipt, transmittal sheet, Issue Fee payment sheet, and check showing payment of the Issue Fee.

Although no petition fee is believed to be necessary, the Applicant respectfully requests the Office to deduct any fee, if such a fee is found appropriate, from the Applicant's Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-1590. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the Small Entity Fee for an unavoidably abandoned patent if the Commissioner determines that the patent, although properly abandoned, was abandoned unavoidably. Additionally, if the Commissioner finds that the patent was abandoned unintentionally, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Unintentionally Abandoned Fee for a Small Entity.

The Applicant believes that no terminal disclaimer is required, as the application was not filed after June 8, 1995. However, if one is required, the Applicant hereby terminally disclaims that portion of the term of this patent that would be increased because of the revival of the application.

The Issue Fee of \$995.00, for the patent, plus 10 copies thereof, has already been forwarded to the U.S. Patent Office on 10 August 2004. A copy of the Express Mail mailing receipt, transmittal letter, and check are enclosed herewith as Exhibit D.

REMARKS

On 20 August 2004, an Official Action was mailed from the U.S. Patent Office. This Official Action, entitled a "Notice Regarding Drawings" stated that the drawings were not acceptable.

Your attention is now directed to Exhibit A. On 24 September 2004, an Amendment to the Notice Regarding Drawings was forwarded into the U.S. Patent Office,

along with eight (8) sheets of formal drawings, showing Figures 1-14. Copies of these drawings are enclosed.

Turning now to the drawings, it will be noted that they are in formal form, that the margins are appropriate, that the character of the lines and numbers are uniformly thick and well-defined, clean, durable and black; that the numbers and reference characters are plain and legible, and that the figure legends are acceptable. As such, these drawings responded to all of the objections that the Draftsman had with respect to the originally-filed drawings.

Your attention is directed to Exhibit B.

You will notice that Exhibit B comprises a photocopy of the postcard forwarded into the U.S. Patent Office with the 23 September 2004 amendment. You will notice that the stamp of the U.S. Patent Office, and in particular, the Office of the Patent Publication Director is shown on the postcard, indicating that the Patent Office did receive the amendment.

Returning back to the amendment, your attention is directed to the Serial Number. You will notice that the Serial Number listed on the Response to the Notice Regarding the Drawings lists the application as Serial Number "10/7670,080". This Serial Number contains a typographical error, as the correct Serial Number is "10/670,080". Nonetheless, the Applicant, Title and Filing Date are all listed correctly. Additionally, the name of the person who signed the Notice Regarding the Drawings, Joshua D. Chase, is also listed on the Response.

As such, significant identifying material on the Response existed, so that the Response should have been mated up with the appropriate file, and the application should have proceeded onto issuance.

Nonetheless, it appears that the Response was not properly mated with the instant application, thus resulting in the abandonment of the application.

In any event, it is believed that the abandonment of the application is improper, as Applicant responded to the Official Action in an appropriate and timely manner. The Applicant therefore requests reinstatement of the application.

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT

As the abandonment of the application is believed to have resulted from U.S. Patent

Office error, the Applicant submits that it should not be charged any fee for the Petition to Revive this application.

PETITION TO REVIVE UNAVOIDABLY ABANDONED APPLICATION

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicant submits that an error within the Patent Office caused the patent to go abandoned, thus relieving the Applicant of any duty to petition to revive the application.

However, if the Commissioner should believe that a petition is necessary, the Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to revive the above-referenced application, and to deduct from the Applicant's Attorney's Deposit Account 50-1590, the appropriate fee for an unavoidably abandoned application. The Applicant submits that any abandonment was unavoidable, in view of the fact that the Applicant submitted an appropriate Response, and thus is entitled to the lower, unavoidably abandoned fee.

PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION

If the Commission should decide that the application should not be reinstated at no cost, due to the fact that the application was abandoned through Office errors; and further determines that the application was not unavoidably abandoned; the Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner to reinstate the application as an Unintentionally Abandoned Application.

To the best of Applicant's and Applicant's Attorney's knowledge, there was never any intention to abandoned the application. Evidence of this lack of intent resides in the fact that the Applicant made a good faith effort to submit an appropriate Response to the Notice Regarding the Drawings in need of correction.

For the reasons set forth here-above, the Applicant respectfully requests revival and reinstatement of the instant application.

DECLARATION

The undersigned declares, under the penalties of perjury, that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief

are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, and that such willful and false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Victor Indiano

Attorney for Applicant, Anita Misson

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

EXHIBIT C

PTO-90C (Rev. 10/03)



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	NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT								
This a	pplication is abandoned in view of:								
Ø	Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on $09-20-09$.								
	A reply (with Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of) was received on which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of month(s)) which expired on								
	A proposed reply was received on, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection. (A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).								
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	No reply has been received.								
	Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).								
	The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85)(or Notice of Publication Fee Due).								
	The submitted fee of \$ is insufficient. A balance of \$ is due. The issue fee by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ The publication fee, if required, by 37 CFR 1.18(d) is \$								
	The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, have not been received.								
	Applicant's failure to timely file corrrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37).								
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	No corrected drawings have been received.								
	The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all the applicants.								
	The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon filing of a continuing application.								
	The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.								
	The reason(s) below:								
07/01)	Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.								

Attachment to Notice of Abandonment





Information is also available on the USPTO Internet web site: http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/pubs/abandonnotice.html

Respond to the Notice of Abandonment by one of the following:

1. Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment (See MPEP 711.03(c) I and 37 CFR § 1.181) No fee required

Where an applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned (e.g., a reply was in fact filed), a petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is the appropriate course of action. Any petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment not filed within 2 months of the mail date of a Notice of Abandonment may be dismissed as untimely under 37 CFR § 1.181(f). In order for a petition to be granted, the evidence must be sufficient according to 37 CFR § 1.8(b) Certificate of Mailing 37 CFR § 1.10 "Express Mail" mailing or MPEP 503 Postcard Receipt as Prima Facie Evidence. The petition should be addressed as follows:

By mail: Mail Stop: Issue Fee, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 By facsimile: 703-872-9306

2. Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment Based On Failure To Receive Office Action (MPEP 711.03(c) II and 37 CFR § 1.181). No fee required

Where an applicant contends that the original Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was never received, if adequately supported, the Office may grant the petition and remail the Office action. The showing required establishing non-receipt of an Office communication must include a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office communication was not received and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received. A copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Office would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement.

Petition should be addressed to the Technology Center handling the application as follows: By mail: Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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3. Petition To Revive An Abandoned Application (See MPEP 711.03(c) III)

Where there is no dispute as to whether an application is abandoned (e.g., the applicant's contentions merely involve the cause of abandonment) a petition under 37 CFR § 1.137 (a) or (b) (accompanied by the appropriate petition fee) is necessary to revive the abandoned application. The text of these rules is available on the USPTO Internet Web site. Forms for these petitions, "Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unavoidably Under 37 CFR § 1.137(a)," PTO/SB/61, and "Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)," PTO/SB/64, are available in the forms section of the USPTO website: http://www.uspto.gov.

Petitions under 37 CFR § 1.137 should be addressed to the Office of Petitions as follows:

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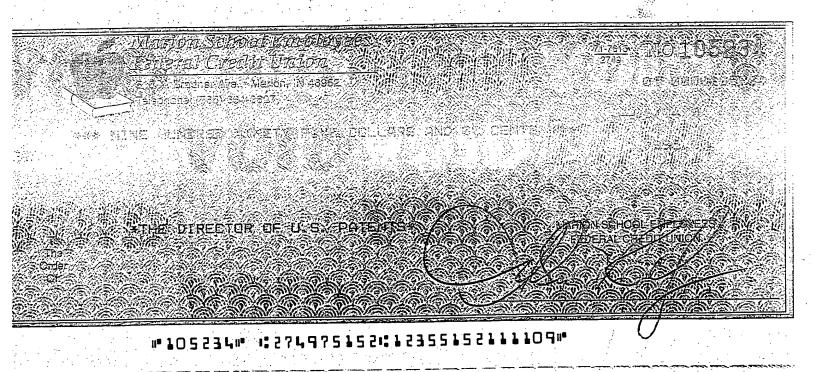
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS

In response to the Notice Regarding Drawings in the above-referenced case of 20 September 2004, the Applicant submits herewith eight (8) sheets of formal drawings, showing Figs. 1-14. The Applicant believes that the drawings submitted herewith comport in all respects with Office requirements, and address all of the issues, and overcome all of the deficiencies that were noted in the PTO-948 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Review.

With the submission of these drawings, all requirements necessary for the issuance of the above-referenced application should have been met. Re-examination of the above-referenced drawings, culminating in the issuance of the above-referenced application, is therefore respectfully requested.

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